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An Act to Protect Maine Agriculture and Farms by Exempting Certain Pesticides from Regulation

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§4, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 630, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, ~~except that any such products approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to that law for aerial or land application are not exempt from this section;~~

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§4, ¶F-1 is enacted to read:

F-1. A pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act applied by a person licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control as an agricultural basic applicator, a private applicator or a commercial applicator;

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law providing for exemption of certain veterinary products from the law governing products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, to allow products approved for use for aerial or land application that are regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. It creates an exemption for a pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act applied by a person licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control as an agricultural basic applicator, a private applicator or a commercial applicator.